

REMARKS

The applicants amended the specification to correct a minor grammatical error.

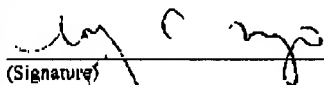
The applicants have amended Claim 1 according to the Examiner's amendment noted on the Notice of Allowability. The applicants have added the word "and" preceding the added clause in claim 1. The applicants have also amended claims 4-7 to correctly state dependence following cancellation of claim 3.

The proposed amendment does not require an additional search or examination because it does not affect the claims or the detailed description that supports the claims.

The proposed amendment was not presented earlier because the changes were not known until after review of the Notice of Allowability and discovery of inadvertent errors in claim dependence following the Examiner's amendment.

Entry of the proposed amendments is therefore respectfully requested as it is believed no substantial amount of additional work will be required by the Office.

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